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S. 104

To prohibit authorized committees and leadership PACs from employing the spouse or immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. VITTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON EMPLOYMENT OF FAMILY**
 2 **MEMBERS OF A CANDIDATE OR FEDERAL OF-**
 3 **FICE HOLDER BY CERTAIN POLITICAL COM-**
 4 **MITTEES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Federal Election
 6 Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.) is amended
 7 by inserting after section 324 the following new section:

8 **“SEC. 325. PROHIBITION ON EMPLOYMENT OF FAMILY**
 9 **MEMBERS OF A CANDIDATE OR FEDERAL OF-**
 10 **FICE HOLDER BY CERTAIN POLITICAL COM-**
 11 **MITTEES.**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for any au-
 13 thorized committee of a candidate or any other political
 14 committee established, maintained, or controlled by a can-
 15 didate or a person who holds a Federal office to employ—

16 “(1) the spouse of such candidate or Federal
 17 office holder; or

18 “(2) any immediate family member of such can-
 19 didate or Federal office holder.

20 “(b) IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER.—For purposes of
 21 subsection (a), the term ‘immediate family member’ means
 22 a son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, son-in-law, daugh-
 23 ter-in-law, mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, mother-
 24 in-law, father-in-law, brother, sister, stepbrother, or step-
 25 sister of the Member.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment
3 of this Act.

4 **SEC. 2. SPOUSE LOBBYING MEMBER.**

5 Section 207(e) of title 18, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(10) SPOUSES.—Any person who is the spouse
8 of a Member of Congress and who was not serving
9 as a registered lobbyist at least 1 year prior to the
10 election of that Member of Congress to office and
11 who, after the election of such Member, knowingly
12 lobbies on behalf of a client for compensation any
13 Member of Congress or is associated with any such
14 lobbying activity by an employer of that spouse shall
15 be punished as provided in section 216 of this
16 title.”.

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